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TAXICAB DRIVER STUDY SHEET

- 1. It is unlawful to drive a taxicab without a VALID TEXAS DRIVERS LICENSE and a VALID TAXICAB DRIVERS LICENSE. You must display your TAXICAB DRIVERS LICENSE in the holder.
- 2. It us unlawful to drive a taxicab more than 12 hours in any 24 hour period
- 3. A taxicab driver SHALL NOT double load without consent of the first passenger.
- 4. A receipt for the fare shall be given if requested.
- 5. A driver shall be clean and neat in appearance while driving a taxicab
- 6. It is the driver's duty to take the passengers on the MOST DIRECT ROUTE and drop them where requested.
- 7. After discharging the passenger, the driver shall inspect the rear seat of the taxicab for cleanliness and articles left in the taxicab. Property found shall be turned over to the company owner or representative. The driver shall secure receipt for property turned in.
- 8. It is ILLEGAL for a driver to leave the cab while parked at a cab stand for any reason other than emergency or while assisting in loading and unloading of the taxicab.
- 9. It is illegal to use intoxicating beverages or narcotics while driving a taxicab.
- 10. It is a violation to block traffic, back a cab or pass a taxicab in order to get on a cab stand.
- 11. Cabs must be pulled to the curb when loading or unloading passengers
- 12. The driver SHALL NOT solicit passengers by word or sign while parked at a cab stand or while cruising.
- 13. It is a violation to cause disturbance while in charge of a taxicab.
- 14. The driver of a taxicab who is involved in an accident shall make a report to his company
- 15. It is unlawful to drive a taxicab without a taximeter. The meter shall be used at all times while transporting passengers. The passenger shall be charged the amount shown on the meter. A rate card shall be posed in the taxicab. There shall be a stool light on top of the taxicab. This light shall be wired to the taximeter.
- 16. The driver shall make a report to the company if the condition of the taxicab is unsafe to drive. In the event no action is taken by the company, the driver shall make a report to the Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department, Regulatory Affairs Division 1002 Washington Ave., Houston 77002 or call 832-394-8803.

** All the rules can be found in Chapter 46 of the Code of Ordinances. **
Violations of any rules or regulations could cause suspension or revocation of your taxicab drivers' license.

LOCATIONS	ADDRESS CHOICE – 1ST	ADDRESS CHOICE – 2ND
Alley Theater	615 Texas	
Amtrak Train Station	902 Washington Ave.	
Bayou Place	Texas @ Smith	
Bush Airport - IAH	18700 JFK Blvd.	Greens @ JFK
Central Library	500 McKinney	
Chase Bank	712 Main	Main @ Captiol
City Hall	901 Bagby	McKinney @ Smith
City of Bellaire	W. Loop South @ Bellaire	
Doubletree, DT/Allen Center	400 Dallas	Dallas @ Bagby
Doubletree, Post Oak	2001 Post Oak	
Doubletree, Intercontinental		John F. Kennedy (JFK) @ Beltway 8
Ellington Airport - EFD	Old Galveston Rd (Hwy 3) @ Challenger Seven Parkway	
Four Season Hotel	1300 Lamar	Lamar @ Caroline St.
Galleria	Westheimer @ Post Oak	
George R. Brown Convention Center	1001 Avenue of the Americas	Walker @ Avendia del las Americas
Greenspoint Mall	1-45 @ Greens Rd or Beltway 8	
Greenway Plaza	Buffalo Speedway @ SW Freeway	
Gulf Greyhound Park	1000 FM 2004 (LaMarque TX)	1-45S, Exit 15
Harris County Courthouse	301 San Jacinto	
Herman Park	Herman @ Almeda Rd.	
Hilton Americas Hotel	1600 Lamar	Lamar/Dallas @ Avendia de las Americas
Hobby Airport - HOU	7575 Airport Blvd.	Broadway @ Airport
Hobby Center	800 Bagby	Bagby @ Rusk
Hotel ZaZa	5701 Main	
Houston Police Department	1200 Travis	
Houstonian Hotel	111 N. Post Oak Ln.	
Hyatt Regency Hotel	1200 Louisiana	Louisiana @ Polk
Jones Hall	601 Louisiana	
Katy Mills Mall	Mason Rd @ I-10 West	
Lancaster Hotel	701 Texas	
Marriott Westside	2900 Briar Park Dr.	W. Sam Houston Tollway N @ Westheimer
MD Anderson Hospital	1515 Holcombe	
Memorial Park	Memorial Dr. @ West Loop North	
Meyerland Plaza	Beechnut @ West Loop South	
Minute Maid Park	501 Crawford	Crawford @ Texas
NASA/Johnson Space Center	NASA Rd. 1 @ Space Center Rd.	
Northwest Mall	N. Post Oak @ Hempstead	
Omni Hotel @ Galleria	4 Riverway	
Port of Houston	Gate 8, Clinton Drive	
Reliant Park	South Loop West @ Kirby	

Rice University	6100 Main	Main @ Sunset
Ritz Carlton/ St. Regis Hotel	1919 Briar Oaks Ln.	
Sam Houston Race Park	7575 N. Sam Houston Parkway	
San Jacinto Monument	3800 Park Rd.	
Sheraton Astrodome	8686 Kirby	
St. Joseph Medical Center	1401 St. Joseph's Parkway	St. Joseph's Parkway @ Crawford
St. Luke's Hospital	6720 Bertner	
Stouffers Renaissance Hotel	6 Greenway Plaza	
Texas Medical Center	Holcombe @ Fannin	
Texas Southern University	3100 Cleburne	
Toyota Center	1510 Polk	Polk @ La Branch
Trailways/Greyhound Bus Station	Main @ Gray	
University Of Houston (main)	4800 Calhoun	Cullen @ Wheeler
Veteran's (VA) Hospital	2002 Holcombe	Holcombe near Almeda
Westin Hotel - Galleria	5011 Westheimer	Westheimer @ Post Oak Blvd.

****Attached are selected sections from Chapter 46 of the City of Houston Code of **Ordinances:**

It is recommended that you read all of Chapter 46 as it relates to taxicabs. ****

It shall be unlawful for any driver of any vehicle for hire to refuse to transport a passenger on a basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability, including a driver's refusal to transport any service animal or medical equipment utilized in conjunction with a passenger's disability. It shall be unlawful for any driver of any vehicle for hire to refuse to transport a passenger at the rates authorized by this article or to demand or receive an amount in excess of the rates authorized by this article. It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this subsection that the driver advised the passenger of the fare or estimated fare to the passenger's destination, and the passenger advised that he did not have the means to pay the fare.

Sec. 46-8. Change of information.

It shall be the duty of each permittee, licensee, and all applicants for a permit or license issued pursuant to this chapter to advise the director immediately of any change of mailing address or any other information required to be submitted pursuant to this article. Any change in information shall be submitted within ten calendar days of the change on the form prescribed by the director. Notices under this article shall be effective if mailed to the last address provided to the director. The failure of a permittee, licensee, or applicant for a permit or license to receive any notice that is properly addressed and mailed to the last known address shall not affect any action authorized or taken under this article, and the only obligation of the director with respect to returned notices shall be to publicly post them as provided herein or by regulation of the director.

Sec. 46-9. Accident reports.



- (a) When any vehicle for hire is involved in an accident or collision that results in any injury or damage to any person or property, including, but not limited to, damage to the vehicle for hire or injury of the licensee, the licensee shall report the accident or collision to the permittee without delay. The permittee shall keep on the permittee's premises records of all accidents and collisions upon forms to be promulgated by the director, which shall include the following information:
 - (1) The permittee's and the licensee's names;
 - (2) The licensee's driver license number; and
 - (3) The time and location of the accident or collision.
- (b) Upon one hour's prior request by the director during normal business hours, the permittee shall make the records available to the director for inspection and copying.

Sec. 46-24. Stool light.



No permittee or licensee shall operate or cause to be operated any taxicab within the city unless it is equipped with a stool light that is illuminated when the taxicab is vacant and available for hire. The stool light shall be controlled by the taximeter. When the taximeter is in the recording position, the stool light shall be off, and when the taximeter is not recording, the stool light shall be on and shall illuminate a "vacant" sign contained thereon. (Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-25. Passenger's right of selection.



Every person shall be allowed to select a taxicab of his choice at any place in the city.

Sec. 46-26. Taxicabs at george bush intercontinental airport/houston.

(a)The provisions of this section shall apply to all taxicab service at any place upon the grounds of George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH).

- (b) The director of aviation shall establish one or more locations at or near the various terminal buildings at IAH as taxicab arrival and departure loading zones for the loading and discharge of passengers and baggage by taxicabs. It shall be unlawful for any licensee to load or discharge passengers or baggage at any location within the airline terminal areas of IAH other than in a zone so established.
- (c)The director of aviation shall establish taxicab standing lines to service the departure loading zones designated under subsection (b) above. It shall be unlawful for any licensee to cause his vehicle to stand upon any area of IAH other than in a designated standing line. It is a defense to prosecution under this subsection that the operator has lawfully stopped his vehicle in order to comply with a traffic control device or that the operator is actually and lawfully engaged in the loading or unloading of passengers or baggage.
- (d)Except where the passenger may request the service of a particular taxicab, departing passengers at IAH terminals will be assigned to taxicabs waiting in the standing lines by starters who have been designated by the director of aviation to operate the various departure zones and standing lines. Taxicabs will be assigned from the standing lines on a first-in-line-first-to depart basis, provided that the director of aviation shall administratively provide by rule for the priority reassignment of any taxicab operating from a standing line that receives a short trip. For purposes of this

provision a short trip means a trip within an area immediately adjacent to IAH as defined on a map promulgated for that purpose by the director of aviation.

(e) A licensee carrying a passenger or passengers from IAH shall pay to the city the airport use fee established from time to time by division 3 of article II of chapter 9 of this Code. The licensee shall deposit the fee in the manner prescribed by the director of aviation, and the fee may be added by the licensee to metered fares and flat rate fares for trips originating from IAH when the average price per gallon of regular unleaded gasoline exceeds \$2.00, provided that the amount of the fee is posted on the taxicab's rate card. Where passengers are being carried to two or more destinations, the airport use fee shall be prorated among them on a per destination basis. It shall be unlawful for any licensee to depart from the IAH with a passenger without having deposited the required fee. (Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-27. Operation at William P. Hobby Airport.

(a)The director of the department of aviation is hereby authorized to designate one or more locations on the airport adjacent to the airline terminal building at the William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) as standing and loading zones for the loading and discharge of passengers and baggage by taxicabs. It shall be unlawful for a licensee to load or discharge passengers or baggage at any other location within the airline terminal building area of the airport. (b)A licensee carrying a passenger or passengers from the airline terminal building at the HOU shall pay to the city the airport use fee established from time to time by division 3 of article II of chapter 9 of this Code. The licensee shall deposit the fee in the manner prescribed by the director of aviation, and the fee may be added by the licensee to metered fares and flat rate fares for trips originating from HOU when the average price per gallon of regular unleaded gasoline exceeds \$2.00, provided that the amount of the fee is posted on the taxicab's rate card. Where passengers are being carried to two or more destinations, the airport use fee shall be prorated among them on a per destination basis. It shall be unlawful for any licensee to depart from the HOU with a passenger without having deposited the required fee.

Sec. 46-29. Carrying additional passengers.

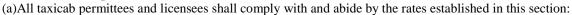
Any passenger who engages the services of a taxicab shall have the exclusive right to the passenger compartment of the taxicab, and it shall be unlawful for a licensee o carry additional passengers unless specific permission is obtained from the passenger who originally engaged the taxicab. (Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-30. Taximeter.

(a)No licensee or permittee shall drive or cause or suffer or allow to be driven a taxicab in the city, unless it is equipped with a properly functioning taximeter. Except for trips entirely within the central business district for which the alternate flat rate established by section 46-31(a)(9) of this Code is being charged, no licensee shall carry a passenger, whether for hire or not, unless the taximeter is in the recording position. Provided, however, it shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution under this subsection that the only passenger in the taxicab at the time the taximeter was not in recording position was a person riding for training purposes only, and:

- (1) The passenger had a valid license issued by the city at the time he was so riding as a passenger;
- (2) The passenger had not driven a taxicab for 30 days or more within the city prior to the date the defendant was charged for violation of this subsection; and
- (3)At the time the person was riding as a passenger, there was a sign indicating that a passenger was riding for purposes of training as a licensee. The sign must be located so that it would be visible to any person who might ride in the vehicle as a passenger for hire.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, all charges and collections for hire shall be based upon the taximeter reading. The dial showing the fare shall be in full view and readily visible and readable by the passenger or passengers at all times taxi service is being rendered.
- (c)The taximeter shall be inspected and sealed by the director when the taxicab is placed into service, during vehicle inspections conducted under this article and before the taxicab is placed back into service following any repair, modification or adjustment to the taximeter.
- (d)No permittee shall drive or cause or suffer or allow to be driven and no licensee shall drive any taxicab on which the seal installed by the director has been removed, broken or tampered with. No permittee shall drive or cause or suffer or allow to be driven and no licensee shall drive any taxicab on which any modification has been made to the taximeter or to any mechanical or electrical parts of the taxicab activating the taximeter that cause rates other than those authorized in this division to be recorded and shown on the taximeter.
- (e)The director shall promulgate regulations authorizing the temporary use of a permittee-installed substitute seal in lieu of a city-installed seal if a taximeter is installed repaired, modified, or adjusted during the period commencing at noon on a Friday or on the day preceding a city-observed holiday and extending until 8:00 a.m. on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or city-observed holiday. Use of a temporary seal during the aforesaid period in a manner authorized by the regulations is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section, provided that the taximeter is functioning in accordance with all requirements of this division.

Sec. 46-31. Rates prescribed.



(1) Daytime metered travel. For daytime trips, the metered travel fee shall be \$2.75 for the first 1/11 of a mile or less plus \$0.20 for each additional 1/11 of a mile or less.

(2) *Nighttime metered travel*. For nighttime trips, the metered travel fee shall be \$3.75 for the first 1/11 of a mile or less plus \$0.20 for each additional 1/11 of a mile or less.

(3) *IAH flat rates*. Alternative flat rates shall be imposed for trips between George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston (IAH) and its geographic zones I through X, as follows:

Zone	Daytime Trip—Flat Rate	Nighttime Trip—Flat Rate
I	\$45.00	\$46.00
II	52.50	53.50
III	60.00	61.00
IV	65.00	66.00
V	73.00	74.00
VI	81.00	82.00
VII	87.50	88.50
VIII	104.50	105.50
IX	34.00	35.00
X	41.00	42.00

Provided that the lesser of the applicable flat rate or the actual metered rate shall be charged. A copy of the zone map for IAH taxicab rates shall remain on file for public inspection in the office of the city secretary. The centers of the streets and geographic features noted thereon as boundary lines shall determine boundaries between adjacent zones. The foregoing rates are inclusive of airport use fees, which may be additionally imposed on metered fares but not on flat rate fares.

(4)*HOU flat rates*. Alternative flat rates shall be imposed for trips between William P. Hobby Airport (HOU) and its geographic zones I through XI, as follows:

Zone	Daytime Trip—Flat Rate	Nighttime Trip—Flat Rate
I	\$32.00	\$33.00
II	26.00	27.00
III	38.50	39.50
IV	54.50	55.50
V	61.50	62.50
VI	70.00	71.00
VII	80.50	81.50
VIII	71.00	72.00
IX	37.50	38.50
X	86.00	87.00
XI	79.50	80.50

Provided that the lesser of the applicable flat rate or the actual metered rate shall be charged. A copy of the zone map for HOU taxicab rates shall remain on file for public inspection in the office of the city secretary. The centers of the streets and geographic features noted thereon as boundary lines shall determine boundaries between adjacent zones. The foregoing rates are inclusive of airport use fees, which may be additionally imposed on metered fares but not on flat rate fares.

(5) *Waiting time*. An amount not to exceed \$24.00 per hour may be charged for waiting time, provided the clock on the taximeter is set and regulated at a rate not to exceed \$24.00 per hour.

- (6) Hand luggage. No charge will be made for hand luggage.
- (7) Reservation and billing service fee:



a.A reservation and billing service fee may be added to the total trip charges authorized in this section, provided:

1. The trip originates with an advance reservation; and

2.At the request of the account holder or his authorized agent the fare and other charges are billed on account by the permittee, rather than being paid at the end of the trip.

The reservation and billing service fee shall not exceed ten percent of the total trip charges imposed, including the tip, if any.

b.Notwithstanding the foregoing, this item (7) shall not be construed to authorize the operation of a taxicab service in such manner as to constitute a chauffeured limousine service. In the event of conflict, the provisions of article IV of this chapter shall prevail.

(8) Toll road fee. In addition to the fees prescribed in this section, the permittees and licensees may impose a toll road fee in an amount exactly equal to any fees imposed by the Harris County Toll Road Authority for use of its facilities during the trip, provided that the imposition of the fee is noted on the posted rate card, and further provided that the passenger(s) are notified of the fee before the taxicab enters the toll road. Where passengers are being carried to two or more destinations, the toll road fees shall be prorated among them, per destination. (9) Alternate central business district flat rate. An alternate flat rate of \$6.00 shall be imposed for trips entirely within the central business district.

Senior citizens' discount:

(1) Rate; restrictions. Any taxicab passenger 60 years old or older who provides to the licensee proof of age as specified in this subsection at the time the fare is collected shall be charged a reduced fare equal to 90 percent of the fee otherwise applicable as set out in items (a)(1) through (a)(5) of this section; provided, however, the reduced fare set out in this subsection shall not be applicable any of in the following situations:

a.In the event the passenger has ridden in the taxicab to the same destination with another passenger who is not an attendant but is 13 years of age or older but less than 60 years of age;

b. The passenger is a person with disabilities who is riding in the taxicab pursuant to the terms of a contract between the taxicab permittee and the Metropolitan Transit Authority; or

c. The fare is being charged to any account other than the passenger's personal account.

For purposes of this item, an attendant is a person who is accompanying a passenger because the passenger is physically or mentally unable to travel alone.

(2) *Proof of age*. To provide proof of age for the purposes of this subsection, the taxicab passenger must allow the licensee to examine one of the following identification documents that has been issued to the passenger and that has a picture of the passenger thereon:

a.A driver license or identification card issued by a state of the United States;

b.A military identification card;

c.A passport; or

d.An alien registration receipt card (Form I-551 or I-151) or border crossing card issued by the United States Immigration Service.

(3)Posting of notice in taxicab. No person shall operate a taxicab unless a notice regarding the discount set out in this subsection is posted in the passenger area of the taxicab. The director shall specify the information to be set out on the notice, the size of the print, the colors, and the location where the notice shall be placed. (Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-32. Posting of license and other information.



(a)Each permitted taxicab shall be equipped with a license and rate card holder approved by the director. The holder shall be mounted on the taximeter or dashboard of the taxicab in a conspicuous location where the contents thereof may be seen by the passengers. It shall be the duty of the permittee and licensee to place in the holder a license containing a picture of the licensee, the licensee's name and description, and a rate card showing the name of the permittee and the approved taxicab rates specified in <u>section 46-31</u> of this Code. The size and contents of the license and the rate cards shall be approved by the director.

(b)It shall be the duty of the permittee and licensee of each taxicab to ensure that the taxicab has cards posted showing the rates for travel to and from IAH and to and from HOU for each zone as specified in section 46-31 of this Code and a map depicting the zones. One card shall be posted on the dashboard in a location conspicuous to a passenger in the front seat and the other card shall be posted on the back of the front seat or at the top of the inside of either rear door window so that the contents thereof can be seen by the other passengers riding in the cab. The director shall specify the size of print, the colors, and the information to be provided on each card as he finds necessary so that the information may be read by passengers.

(c)It shall be the duty of each permittee and licensee to post a card with the telephone numbers of the director and the permittee for complaint purposes regarding taxicab services or charges. This card shall be mounted adjacent to the rate cards required by this section and shall instruct the passenger that if he wishes to file a complaint, he should obtain the taxicab number as posted on the taxicab, date, time, destination, and fare charged. The director shall

approve the size of the print, the colors, and the information to be provided on each card as he finds necessary so that the information may be easily read by passengers.

(d)It shall be the duty of each permittee and licensee to post a card that indicates whether smoking is permitted or prohibited in the taxicab. The director shall approve the size of the print, the colors, and the information to be provided on each card as he finds necessary so that the information may be easily read by passengers. (Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-33. Payment method.

It shall be unlawful for any licensee to refuse to accept a passenger's payment of posted rates by credit card. For trips entirely within the central business district for which the alternate flat rate established by section 46-31(a)(9) of this Code is being charged, it is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this subsection that the licensee was operating a taxicab that was marked with signage, as prescribed by the director, that indicates "cash only" rides. (Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-34. Receipt for payment of fare.

No licensee of any taxicab, upon receiving full payment for a fare as authorized by this article, shall refuse to give a receipt upon the request of any passenger making the payment. The permittee of the taxicab shall make available to each licensee a receipt book to be used for this purpose.

(Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-40. Preferences and soliciting of business prohibited.

(a)It shall be unlawful for any person to seek or solicit a passenger or passengers for any vehicle for hire, whether or not the vehicle is identified as a taxicab, at, in or near any passenger depot, hotel, airport, ship or ferry landing, bus stop or station, or upon any sidewalk or street or any other place in the city. It shall be unlawful for any person to call out "taxicab," "limousine," "auto for hire," "carriage," "bus," "baggage," "hotel," or any other words or gestures that could be construed as soliciting a passenger for hire. Violators of this section, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00.

(b)It shall be unlawful for any cab starter, bell person, maitre d', or other person having the ability or authority to control the selection of taxicabs available for hire at any business premises to solicit a fee or other compensation or favor for the purpose of granting preference or priority rights to any taxi. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit the owner of a business premises that maintains a private off-street cabstand area for the convenience of its patrons from entering into a written contract by which the owner receives compensation from one or more permittees in exchange for access to the premises' off-street cabstand area.

Sec. 46-43. Passenger comfort; courtesy.

(a)It shall be unlawful for the permittee or licensee to suffer, allow or cause the taxicab to be in service at any time during which the vehicle's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system is not in good repair and capable of functioning within the tolerances of the vehicle manufacturer's specifications.

(b)It shall be the duty of the licensee to ensure that the vehicle is operated for the comfort of the passengers and that the vehicle's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system is in operation at all times while passenger(s) are present in the vehicle and is functioning in accordance with the passenger's reasonable request for heating, ventilating, or cooling, unless the passenger(s) specifically request that the system be turned off.

- (c)No licensee while operating a taxicab with passengers present shall:
- (1)Use abusive, indecent, profane or vulgar language that by its very utterance tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace;
- (2) Make any offensive gesture or display that by its very nature tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace;
- (3)Create by chemical means any noxious and unreasonable odor;
- (4)Threaten another person in an obviously offensive manner;
- (5) Fight with another person; or
- (6)Engage in any other conduct that is a violation of law.

(Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-44. Taxicab condition.

It shall be unlawful for the permittee or licensee of any taxicab to allow or cause the taxicab to be in service at any time that the cleanliness and condition of the taxicab do not meet any one or more of the following standards:

- (1) The passenger compartment of the vehicle is free of litter and debris.
- (2) The passenger compartment of the vehicle is free of any personal items of the licensee or other objects that would restrict the seating comfort of the passengers.
- (3) The vehicle is free of noxious or offensive odors.



- (4)The carpet, seating surfaces and head liner have no tears, exposed springs or underparts and are free of any spots or stains that are removable with a reasonable cleaning effort.
- (5)The exterior of the vehicle is free from debris and dirt, commensurate with ambient weather conditions and free of any paint or body work damage, excepting "door dings," minor scratches, and similar defects that are not significantly visible.
- (6)The vehicle has no broken windows or windows with cracks, except for cracks in places that do not interfere with licensee's vision.
- (7)The taxicab has hubcaps or wheel covers on all four wheels if it was so equipped by the manufacturer.

Sec. 46-111. Licensee appearance.



(a)It shall be the duty of every licensee to be hygienically clean, well-groomed, neat, and suitably dressed in compliance with all applicable requirements of this section at all times while a taxicab is in his or her custody. (b)Male licensees shall be clean-shaven, and hair shall be neatly trimmed. If a beard or moustache is worn, it shall be well groomed and neatly trimmed at all times in order not to present a ragged appearance.

(c)Subject to the limitations of subsection (e) below, the term suitably dressed shall be interpreted to mean the licensee, if male, shall wear trousers or slacks, a shirt, with or without a tie, shoes, and, if desired, appropriate outer garments.

(d)Subject to the limitations of subsection (e) below, the term suitably dressed shall be interpreted to mean the licensee, if female, shall wear a skirt, trousers, or slacks, a shirt or a blouse, shoes, and, if desired, appropriate outer garments.

(e)Clothing that is not considered appropriate and is not permitted, whether the licensee is male or female, includes: (1) T-shirts, underwear, tank tops, body shirts, swim wear, jogging suits, or similar types of attire when worn as an outer garment; or (2) any form of shorts.

(Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-113. Limitation on hours of work.

(a) No licensee shall drive more than 12 hours in any one consecutive 24 hour period.

(b)No taxicab permittee shall suffer or allow any licensee to drive a taxicab for more than 12 hours in any consecutive 24 hour period.

(Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-114. Duty to transport passengers by shortest route.



Each licensee shall transport his passengers to definite points designated by the passengers, and he shall take the most direct and shortest route to deliver the passengers safely and expeditiously to their destination. (Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-115. Duty to pull to curb to load or unload.



It shall be the duty of each licensee to pull his vehicle to the curb when loading or unloading passengers. (Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-116. Refusal to discharge passenger at designated place.

(a) No licensee shall refuse to discharge a passenger at any place designated by the passenger upon the streets of the city, except when the place so designated is at a point not easily accessible by reason of an obstruction, a no parking zone, or conditions rendering the designated place or access to the designated place unreasonably hazardous.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to excuse compliance with <u>section 46-115</u> of this Code, which requires passengers to be unloaded at the curb.

(Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-117. Leaving taxicab while waiting at depot, airport, hotel, etc.



No licensee shall leave his taxicab for any purpose, except in emergencies, while he is waiting at a depot, airport or hotel. This section does not prohibit a licensee from assisting passengers in loading and unloading. (Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-118. Duty to inspect vehicle; procedure when passenger leaves article in cab.

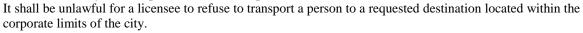


(a)Each licensee shall inspect his taxicab before going on duty and after discharging each passenger to see that the taxicab is free of cigars, cigarettes, papers, bottles, and anything that could cause offensive or objectionable odors. He shall check the interior of the taxicab and the trunk to see that no articles have been left in the vehicle after each passenger reaches his destination. In the event a passenger should leave any article in the taxicab, the licensee shall immediately notify the taxicab dispatcher and shall immediately return the article to the owner, the company dispatcher, or a company representative, before making another trip. When a licensee delivers the article to the owner or the dispatcher, a receipt for the article shall be prepared in triplicate. The original copy of the receipt shall

be mailed to the director, the second copy retained by the licensee, and the third copy shall be furnished to the permittee.

(b)The permittee shall keep the article for a period of not more than ten days and, if the owner of the article has not called for it within that period of time, the permittee shall then deliver the lost article to the office of the chief of police. The chief of police shall give the permittee a receipt for the article and, following any holding period required for the redemption, shall cause the item to be disposed of in accordance with applicable law. (Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)

Sec. 46-119. Duty to transport within the corporate limits.



(Ord. No. 2012-1112, § 2(Exh. A), 12-19-2012)